

CLAIMS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application.

A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough or double brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing home information about a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

transmitting, to a homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the homeowner in exchange for the homeowner's permission to provide information about the home to a viewer;

arranging for the homeowner of a the home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale to receive compensation in exchange for allowing the ~~home~~ information about the home to be transmitted, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the ~~home~~ information about the home to be electronically transmitted to a the viewer;

informing the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the home, that the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

determining, by a computing device, a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the home information to be transmitted.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation is periodic.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information lets a picture be remotely displayed to the viewer.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an identity of the homeowner is not provided to the viewer.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an address of the home is not provided to the viewer.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a number of viewers that receive the home information.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation comprises a credit towards a mortgage payment.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a rating indicating a popularity of a locale of the home.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation comprises a payment of a fixed, predetermined amount based on the compensation information.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation comprises a reduction of an interest rate on the homeowner's mortgage.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a predicted level of interest in the home.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the predicted level of interest is based on at least one of a value, a neighborhood, a style and an age associated with the home.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a quality of features of the home.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises at least one of: (i) an appraised value of the home; (ii) a potential selling price of the home; and (iii) a difference between the appraised value and the potential selling price.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a level of anonymity of the homeowner.
18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a level of anonymity of the locale of the home.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the level of anonymity comprises at least one of a region, a state, a county and a town.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises a picture of the home.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises video images of the home.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises a computer-aided design drawing.

23. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises a photograph.

24. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
charging the viewer a fee.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee charged to the viewer is for receiving the home information.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the compensation information comprises a total amount of fees collected from the viewer.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the compensation information comprises a percentage of the amount of total fees collected from the viewer.

28. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on at least one of: (i) an appraised value of the home; (ii) a potential selling price of the home; and (iii) a difference between the appraised value and the potential selling price.

29. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is charged if the viewer indicates an interest level above a predetermined threshold.

30. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on the home information.

31. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is charged for viewing a plurality of pictures.

32. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based upon a duration of video images viewed by the viewer.

33. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee comprises submission of viewer home information about a home owned by the viewer.

34. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on a number of pictures viewed by the viewer.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the fee per picture increases as a number of pictures viewed by the viewer increases.

36. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the fee per picture decreases as a number of pictures viewed by the viewer increases.

37. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on a level of interest in the home by other viewers.

38. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the fee is based on a predetermined level of pictures of the home.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein a first level of pictures is displayed without a fee and second level of pictures is displayed for a fee.

40. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving viewer information from the viewer.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the viewer information comprises the viewer's preferences for a home.

42. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the viewer information comprises the viewer's interest in the home.

43. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving the viewer's interest in the home; and
arranging for information associated with similar homes to be transmitted to the viewer based on the viewer's interest.

44. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein the similar homes are homes for sale.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving from the viewer an offer to purchase the home; and
storing the offer in a database.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner comprises:
notifying the homeowner of the offer.

47. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the viewer remains anonymous to the homeowner.

48. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the offer includes an offer price.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising:
assessing a penalty against the homeowner if the homeowner refuses to sell the home to the viewer if the offer price received from the viewer is at least a selling price of the home.

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
deleting identifying information about the home in a picture.

52. (Currently Amended) A method for arranging the display of a picture of a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

transmitting, to a homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the homeowner in exchange for the homeowner's permission to display a picture of the home to a viewer;

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for compensation to be provided to the homeowner in exchange for receiving the agreement, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the picture to be electronically displayed to a viewer;

informing the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the home, that the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

determining, by a computing device, a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

arranging for the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

53. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying a picture of a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

transmitting, to a homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the homeowner in exchange for the homeowner's permission to display a picture of the home to a viewer;

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

providing periodic compensation to the homeowner in exchange for receiving the agreement, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the picture to be remotely and electronically displayed to a viewer without providing information associated with the identity of the homeowner to the viewer;

informing the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the home, that the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

charging a fee to the viewer;

determining by a computing device, a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, further comprising:

receiving from the viewer an offer to purchase the home; and
storing the offer in a database.

55. (Original) The method of claim 54, further comprising:

notifying the homeowner of the offer, without providing the identity of the viewer to the homeowner.

56. (Currently Amended) A remote home viewing device, comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

~~transmit, to a homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the homeowner in exchange for the homeowner's permission to transmit information about the home to a viewer;~~

arrange for a homeowner to receive compensation in exchange for allowing ~~the information about the home~~ ~~information~~ to be transmitted, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with ~~a the~~ home owned by the homeowner,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arrange for the ~~home~~ ~~information about the home~~ to be transmitted to ~~a the~~ viewer;

~~inform the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the home, that the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;~~

determine a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home;

and

allow the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

57. (Currently Amended) A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method for providing home information about a home owned by a homeowner, said method comprising:

transmitting, to a homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the homeowner in exchange for the homeowner's permission to transmit information about the home to a viewer;

arranging for the homeowner to receive compensation in exchange for allowing the ~~home~~ information about the home to be transmitted, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home, wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for the ~~home~~ information about the home to be transmitted to a ~~the~~ viewer;

informing the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the home, that the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home;
and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying a picture of a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

transmitting to a homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the homeowner in exchange for the homeowner's permission to display a picture of the home to a viewer;

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for the homeowner to receive compensation in exchange for the agreement, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the picture to be remotely and electronically displayed to a the viewer;

informing the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the home, that the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

determining, by a computing device, a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

64. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying a picture of a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

~~transmitting, to a homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the homeowner in exchange for the homeowner's permission to display a picture of the home to a viewer;~~

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

receiving, ~~via a communication network,~~ from the homeowner information comprising the picture of the home;

receiving information associated with the willingness of the homeowner to sell the home;

determining, ~~by a computing device,~~ a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home based on the received information;

arranging for the picture to be remotely displayed to ~~a the~~ viewer;

~~informing the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the home, that the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;~~

receiving from the viewer an indication of interest to purchase the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64, further comprising:

receiving from the viewer an offer to purchase the home, including an offer price; and

determining if the homeowner will be notified of the offer based on the offer price and the rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home.

66. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a picture of a property owned by a property owner, comprising:

~~transmitting, to a property owner of a property that is not currently being marketed as being for sale, an offer to provide compensation to the property owner in exchange for the property owner's permission to display a picture of the property to a viewer;~~

arranging for the property owner to receive the compensation in exchange for allowing the picture to be displayed, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the property,

wherein the ~~home property~~ is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for the picture to be ~~electronically~~ displayed to a viewer;

~~informing the viewer, before the viewer indicates any interest in the property, that the property is not currently being marketed as being for sale;~~

determining, ~~by a computing device~~, a rating of the ~~homeowner property owner's~~ willingness to sell the ~~home property~~; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the ~~homeowner property owner~~ if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

67. (Cancelled)

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information includes one or more of:

- (i) an appraised value of the home,
- (ii) a location of the home,
- (iii) an expected interest of viewers in the home,
- (iv) a level of anonymity maintained with respect to the homeowner or the home, and
- (v) a current market price of the home.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining at least one criteria specified by the homeowner; and
wherein the step of allowing comprises:
allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if
information associated with the viewer satisfies the criteria and the rating is at
least equal to a predetermined rating.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, further comprising:

determining a level of interest of the viewer in the homeowner's
home; and
wherein the step of allowing comprises:
allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating
is at least equal to a predetermined rating and at least one of the following is
satisfied:

- (i) the information associated with the viewer satisfies the
criteria; and
- (ii) the level of interest of the viewer is at least equal to a
predetermined level.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining a level of interest of the viewer in the homeowner's
home; and

wherein the step of allowing comprises:

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating
is at least equal to a predetermined rating and the level of interest of the viewer is
at least equal to a predetermined level.